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KU8R N8DTN W9JUV KC9RP K9XI KB5KCH KC5UD KC0HF G8AUU WD0AKO DJ0QN  
and many others in the United States and around the globe!!!

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\* Again, and as always, we thank you \*  
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#### INSTANT LICENSE PROPOSED

The FCC has proposed what amounts to an instant ham radio license for new hams. In reality its actually a form of temporary operating authority to unlicensed persons who pass the examination for a new amateur operator license, and it signifies a major change in the attitude of the commission toward getting newly tested operators on the air.

The new system would work this way. The temporary operating authority would begin when the exam is passed and an application for a license is filed, and last until a full-term license is received from the FCC, but not more than 120 days. The temporary operating authority would not be available to anyone whose license has been revoked or suspended or who has been involved in other enforcement proceedings before the FCC. Under the proposal, the Commission also would reserve the right to cancel such temporary operating authority without a hearing if a need to do so arose.

Those operating under the proposed new rules would use call signs determined by the initials of their name and by their mailing address. The prefix for each such call sign would be WZ followed by a number indicating the appropriate Volunteer Examiner Coordinator region.

The Commission said it believes this system would be useful to the amateur community, yet practical to implement. It also said that it was making the overture to better serve new amateurs and

to increase productivity in the processing of license applications.

The proposal, assigned PR Docket 93-267, was based on a petition for rule making made in July by the Western Carolina Amateur Radio Society V.E.C. of Knoxville, Tennessee with the previous designation of RM-8288.

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#### FCC AWARD TO HAM

A real-life ham radio hero has been honored by the FCC. The regulatory agency has presented a bronze plaque of appreciation to Melvin I. Woods, KN4ZT, of Annandale, Virginia. Woods was cited by the Commission for what it called outstanding assistance in solving a false distress signal case in 1992.

The case involved a phony S.O.S. sent out on 14.313 MHz back in August 1992. The FCC said Woods not only provided important information at the time but also cooperated with the agency in its subsequent investigation.

Woods, 58, served in the U.S. Navy from 1952 to 1976 and is a former Senior Chief Radioman and Chief Electronics Technician. He was first licensed as a Novice in 1953 and currently holds the Amateur Extra Class license.

At the awards ceremony Woods also received the U.S. Coast Guard Public Service Award from Rear Admiral William J. Ecker.

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#### CB BUST

The FCC is not wasting any time in issuing fines under its new monetary forfeiture schedule. As reported last week, the commission can now ding a violator up to twenty thousand dollars for a first offense and that's exactly what has happened to some alleged part 95 violators.

About a dozen accused marketers of illegal equipment targeted at the Class D eleven meter band have each been fined between six thousand and twenty thousand dollars by the FCC. The commission says that the stores in question are located in California, Colorado, Florida, Louisiana, Michigan, Texas, and Washington state. The FCC says that they were all engaged in the sale of illegal CB radios or linear power amplifiers for the 11 meter band.

In addition, several firms were fined seven thousand dollars each for allegedly marketing non FCC certified personal computers and unauthorized UHF modulators and transmitters that operate on television channels fourteen through twenty six.

At airtime it is not known if any appeals have been filed by those fined in this latest FCC action.

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### LA FIRES

A 2000 acre fire storm fanned by Santa Ana winds has taken several southern California repeaters off the air. The ham radio relay equipment along with several emergency service repeaters and an FM radio station was destroyed when flames ignited a private residence atop Rasno peak in Ventura County. The destruction of the radio site occurred on Tuesday, October the 26th.

Since then, hundreds of hams all over the state have been pressed into service as wildfires continue to rage. As we go to air there are well over a half dozen fires still burning and some radio amateurs have already been working fire related emergency communications non-stop for several days.

More on this story, next week.

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### MORE SAREX QSO'S

Heres an update on the Sarex ham radio space shuttle flight now underway. The SAREX Working Group has asked the Shuttle crew to set some extra time aside for general FM Voice QSO opportunities. These times were originally scheduled as backup school group passes and run from 1635 to 1642 UTC on Friday October 29th, and from 13:22 to 13:34 UTC on Saturday October 30th.

All Sarex operation is split frequency. The Shuttle downlink frequency for voice and packet is 145.55 MHz. This is a receive only frequency. Voice uplink frequencies for all areas except Europe are 144.91, 144.93, 144.95, 144.97 and 144.99 MHz. Europeans should transmit voice on 144.70, 144.75 and 144.80 MHz and avoid the other channels. The worldwide packet transmit frequency is 144.49 MHz and the packet call sign is W5RRR-1.

The mission is scheduled to end with a landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California at 1522 UTC on Monday November 1st.

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### PERRY WILLIAMS RETIRING

ARRL Washington Area Coordinator Perry Williams, W1UED, has announced that he will retire in April of 1994. This, after 40 years of service for the League. He is currently the staff member with the longest tenure of Headquarters service.

Williams, who is 65, began his ARRL career in 1954 in the now disbanded Secretarial Department. He next served in the Membership Services Department when the League Headquarters was

located in West Hartford and became Washington Area Coordinator in 1980.

No successor to the Washington Area Coordinators post has yet been named.

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#### SHRINER NET

The Shriners net meets every thursday night at 2300 UTC. It originates from Shriners Hospital for crippled children in Philadelphia on 14.328 Mhz. You don't have to be a Shriner to participate. It is operated by LuLu temple radio unit, and is designed to teach the patients about ham radio, and communicate with other Shrine hospitals throughout the United States.

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#### PACKET FOR THE DEAF

If you know someone who is deaf and interested in using packet radio, then let them know that G1TKX and his friends are considering forming a support group for them. Tony says that the group will try and provide help, training, encouragement to aurally handicapped radio amateurs worldwide. If you are interested please contact G1TKX at the GB7MRU 19 packet bulletin board in Great Britain.

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#### HAM BBS

KB0DSW's says that his Amateur Radio BBS is open to all that wish access. You can reach the BBS at area code 701, 839-2163. Its available 24hrs a day and accepts any rate up to 14.4 baud. The defaults are the standard 8-N-1. Sysop Tom Herrod says the board caters to a wide variety of needs, and specialize in Amateur Radio and SWL programs and information. It also has an On-line CD-Rom, SAM-Amateur Radio CallSign Database and serves as a local Packet GateWay.

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#### AMSAT AREA COORDINATORS NEEDED

AMSAT North America says that it needs Area Coordinators in all parts of the country as part of an effort to increase the visibility of AMSAT's existing satellite operations and Phase IIID developments. Area Coordinators are volunteers whose activities may include AMSAT booths at hamfests, local AMSAT nets, presentations to local clubs in addition individual "Elmering". Through their activities these Area

Coordinators increase awareness of the radio amateur satellite program in addition promoting AMSAT membership and fund raising for the Phase 3D satellite. Contact AMSAT if you're interested in taking on such a job.

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#### DX

In DX, the Golan Heights as OH3MIG/4U will be active until sometime in December. This counts as Syria for DXCC credit and you are advised to QSL as directed.

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#### BROADCAST HAMS LIST

Hams who work in or are retired from any aspect of professional broadcasting should drop a note to Rich Aronson K2RVM and have your name and call sign added to a list ham radio broadcast professionals. According to a note from Hank Flokerts K4K0, he recently turned the duties of compiling the list over to K2RVM after doing the chore for a number of years.

The service originated as a roster of hams who were Nabet Union engineers employed at NBC. It has since been expanded to include hams in every aspect of the business including air talent and management. The latest list, and the last put out by K4K0 includes hams at ABC, NBC and Fox. Your help is needed to make it include every ham who works in the broadcasting industry.

If you are a broadcasting professional and if want your name, call and affiliation added to this growing list, please drop a note to Rich Aronson, K2RVM, 207 Cinnamon Way, Flat Rock, North Carolina 28731.

Sorry, but this list is available only to those hams who work in the broadcasting industry. If you want a copy please send a standard business sized SASE to K2RVM.

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For this week, that's all from the Amateur Radio Newsline. You can write to us at Post Office Box 463 in Pasadena, CA 91102.

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